

REMARKS

The last Office Action has been carefully considered.

The Examiner indicated that the present application contains an allowable subject matter.

At the same time, the abstract, the specification and the drawings have been objected to and the claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112.

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of the claims has been gratefully acknowledged.

In connection with the Examiner's formal objections and rejections, applicant has submitted a new abstract of the disclosure while the Examiner's grounds for its objection are not completely understood. The original abstract of the disclosure did not contain more than required number of lines. The Examiner is respectfully requested to approve the new abstract of the disclosure.

The specification has been amended in compliance with the Examiner's requirements and also to make minor corrections, since applicant has again checked thoroughly the whole specification.

The claims have been thoroughly checked as well and amended to make minor corrections and to put them in exact correspondence with the specification.

In connection with the Examiner's objection to the drawings, applicant submits herewith a copy of the original drawings with the proposed corrections and also formal drawings in which the corrections have been already introduced. The Examiner is respectfully requested to review and approve the drawings.

The Examiner's highly beneficial comments in the Office Action has been gratefully appreciated.

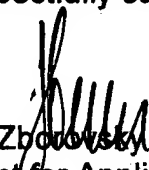
It is respectfully requested to allow the present application.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is


most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-243-3818).

Respectfully submitted,


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Examiner Request

Please extend the term by 1 month.
If the fee is necessary or insufficient
please check to 26-0085.


Attachment for PTO-948 (Rev. 03/01, or earlier)
6/18/01

The below text replaces the pre-printed text under the heading, "Information on How to Effect Drawing Changes," on the back of the PTO-948 (Rev. 03/01, or earlier) form.

INFORMATION ON HOW TO EFFECT DRAWING CHANGES

1. Correction of Informalities -- 37 CFR 1.85

New corrected drawings must be filed with the changes incorporated therein. Identifying indicia, if provided, should include the title of the invention, inventor's name, and application number, or docket number (if any) if an application number has not been assigned to the application. If this information is provided, it must be placed on the front of each sheet and centered within the top margin. If corrected drawings are required in a Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37), the new drawings **MUST** be filed within the **THREE MONTH** shortened statutory period set for reply in the Notice of Allowability. Extensions of time may **NOT** be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b) for filing the corrected drawings after the mailing of a Notice of Allowability. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

2. Corrections other than Informalities Noted by Draftsperson on form PTO-948.

All changes to the drawings, other than informalities noted by the Draftsperson, **MUST** be made in the same manner as above except that, normally, a highlighted (preferably red ink) sketch of the changes to be incorporated into the new drawings **MUST** be approved by the examiner before the application will be allowed. No changes will be permitted to be made, other than correction of informalities, unless the examiner has approved the proposed changes.

Timing of Corrections

Applicant is required to submit the drawing corrections within the time period set in the attached Office communication. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Failure to take corrective action within the set period will result in **ABANDONMENT** of the application.